benefit of coffee growers such as rcschcdulcmcnt of loans, implementation of interest relief scheme, transportation subsidy scheme etc. have been introduced by the Government.

Expert Committee on SEZs

2387. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Expert Committee has submitted a report proposing separate legislation for Special Economic Zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof togcthcrwith the text of the proposed legislation;

(c) by when, the legislation is likely to be put in place; and

(d) whether any specific proposals have been made by the Committee for boosting the country's exports and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action has already been initiated to prepare draft of the legislation.

(c) It is difficult to indicate a time frame for the legislation since several department would have to be involved.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Committee has recommended the continuation of duty neutralization schemes with appropriate modification, encouraging export of agriculture products and simplification of procedure.

Trade relation with Nepal

2388. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Nepal unhappy with trade pact" which appeared in the Statesman dated the 21st March, 2002;